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Photo by Alex Coop

HHSS track and field athlete Chase Burden gains some momentum before throwing a javelin during an afterschool practice. More photos on page 22.

## OPP believe missing man victim of foul play

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Police continue to look for a missing Bowmanville man seven months after his disappearance—and investigators now believe he is the victim of foul play.

David Palmer, 47, was last seen last Oct. 2, according to Haliburton Highlands OPP. His abandoned 2002 Honda Accord was found on Oct. 14 near Spruce Lake Trail, just outside of Haliburton.

Police began a search "of an area" north

of the Village of Haliburton on Tuesday, but refused to elaborate on what led investigators to the conclusion that foul play was involved.

"At this time no further details are being released as it is an active, ongoing investigation," said OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee. "When we can issue a news release with accurate and confirmed information we will do so."

Eight OPP vehicles, including a large mobile support unit, lined Tattersall Road near Spruce Lake on Wednesday. Detective staff sergeant Gerry Scherer told *The Highlander* they will be in the area for several days.

Cottagers said they saw police helicopters flying around the lake on Monday.

Several resources were called in for the search including the OPP's Central Region Crime Unit, Emergency Response Team, Underwater Search and Recovery Unit, and the Central Region Forensic Identification Section. Detective Inspector Martin Graham of the Criminal Investigation Branch is leading the investigation.

Palmer is white, six feet tall, and 280 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes. Video footage from Oct. 2 shows he was wearing a dark coloured St. Louis Blues hat, dark coat, a blue shirt, gray track paints and white running shoes.

He is believed to have a wallet and black Samsung flip phone. Neither have been found.

As the search continues, police are seeking further help from the public during the upcoming cottage season. People are

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Photos submitted by Haliburton Higlands OPP

David Palmer was last seen on in this surveillance video on Oct. 2.

### Police ask public to keep eyes open

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encouraged to report any suspicious items they may locate or any changes in the landscape since last fall.

The public is asked not to touch or move any items they find and to contact police immediately.

Anyone who saw suspicious activity or vehicles in the Spruce Lake area before or during the month of his disappearance is also asked to contact police.

Information should be phoned in to Detective Const. Matthew Carmichael of the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP Crime Unit at 705-324-6741. Anonymous tips can be made to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at durhamregionalcrimestoppers.ca and/or Crime Stoppers at stopcrimehere.ca. Tipsters may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

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#### vanLieshout Another

### cruiser ends up in ditch

A cruiser sits in a ditch on Highway 118 at Kennisis Lake Road. A

Haliburton Highlands OPP

spokesperson says while

an officer was responding to an accident involving two vehicles, his front tire went off the shoulder and struck a culvert as he turned in behind the collision. The investigation is ongoing. Last year, an OPP cruiser was found in a ditch on County Road 21 east of Highway 35. According to Haliburton Highlands OPP a thorough investigation resulted in no charges. Despite several requests by The Highlander, the name of the officer, details of the incident and whether or not any injuries were sustained were not provided by police.





# Victoria Street School gets facelift

By Colin MacKenzie

Acting editor

The transformation of the old Victoria Street School is finally (almost) complete.

The Haliburton office of the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Children's Aid Society (CAS) has moved into the 1920s building and formally marked the occasion last Friday with an open house and lunchtime barbecue.

CAS staff actually moved into their new home in January weeks ago and are still revelling in their new space, a big step up from their windowless office on Maple Avenue.

It's a vast improvement, said Sandra Woods, the supervisor of the six-person Haliburton team.

Private meeting rooms for discreet interactions with clients are one of the main advantages.

It is already helping as the society moves toward more collaboration and prevention as well as its traditional complaint-based child protection activities said Woods, and the office will help support all its activities. Another new initiative is a suicide prevention training program being offered in conjunction with the school board.

The CAS has roughly 200 children in its care across its district, about 10 of whom are from Haliburton County.

No one was happier Friday than Teresa Jordan, the executive director of Community Living Haliburton County. She is effectively the landlord at the school and the arrival of the CAS marks the completion of a three-year odyssey for her and her agency.

It bought the building from the school board for \$235,000 three years ago and has sunk about \$160,000 in improvements to make the 90-year-old structure habitable. The absolute final stage will be the June completion of a \$70,000 lift that will make all three levels of the building accessible. That, along with the ramp, accessible washroom, and automatic doors that were finished last fall, was a CAS precondition

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for moving in. The society spent about \$80,000 of its own money to convert old classrooms into its new digs.

"Now, maybe, we can coast," Jordan said

The first visit to the old school by the CAS was inauspicious, executive director Jennifer Wilson told the audience on Friday.

"There was Teresa in her wellies shovelling human excrement in the basement," Wilson recalled, confessing that she paused to reconsider the CAS plan for a moment as Jordan offered a tour of the

That wasn't precisely the case, Jordan laughed in an interview afterwards.

"Jennifer loves to tell that story," she said, offering a gentle correction. With increased use of the building there was a grey-water backup and she was mopping it up when Wilson arrived.

"I wasn't dealing with substances." Also speaking on Friday were local MPP Laurie Scott, who congratulated both agencies on their work, and Larry Hope, the director of education of the Trillium Lakelands School District School Board.

He extolled the virtues of community hubs and transformation of surplus schools.

It is a concept close to his heart these days as the board embarks on its review of its real estate as part of a provincially mandated exercise that could see a few schools, none in Haliburton, close and even more seeking community partners to share space in underused buildings.

"It's a wonderful example," he said

Along with the CAS and community living operations, the old school is home to Chyna Schell's Haliburton Dance Academy, which occupies the entire second floor, and features two studios and change rooms. Its \$1,200 monthly rent is a welcome revenue stream for Community Living, said board member Larry O'Connor, who pointed out that community use also includes the Heat Bank, which uses part of the two-acre property to store firewood.

"We have a pretty good story," he said.

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MacKenzie

# Editorial opinion

### Unintended consequences

Ruby didn't have a chance.

It was 4 a.m. on April 24, a Sunday morning in West Guilford, when one or more wolves circled in on Lyle Sawyer's dogs.

The nine-year-old beagle was the target. For whatever reason, the attackers ignored Skunk, the beagle puppy and Errol the friendly failed bear-hunter, both tethered next to Ruby.

There was barking.

"The dogs went off," said Sawyer, "usually it's a coon or something and they quiet down, but this time they didn't quit."

"And then there was this scream, you know?" he said. "That's when you know it's bad."

The 67-year-old garage owner and trapper, rushed from his house to the dog run out back and found Ruby laying on the ground, her left side ripped open.

She was quiet, suffering extreme pain in that stoic canine way.

Sawyer hoped it would just be a matter of (many) stitches, but veterinarian Laurie Brown said the attacker had ripped into the intestines, that surgery could cost up to \$8,000 and given Ruby's age, the prognosis was uncertain.

So Sawyer did what he thought necessary and Ruby has been respectfully interred out back of his six-acre property.

Skunk and Errol are now kept in a swiftly restored pair of pens to protect them from a return visit by wolves.

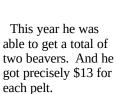
Sawyer has views about how this happened.

Let's meet him.

He's a stocky, blue-eyed third generation Haliburtonian, who is willing to do a fistbump as well as a handshake.

He's given up on transmission work and other jobs that hurt the back. (Check out his son, Carman, just off 118 in West Guilford for that stuff.)

He's been trapping and hunting since he was a kid, and the world has changed.



A good thing it's only a hobby.

"After I've done the dishes, I'm allowed to go out and mind my trapline," he says, throwing his wife Delane under the bus.

Here's the thing, though, as we say too often these days.

The reason Ruby is dead is because humans have been messing with the natural order, says Sawyer. And he frets about the dozen exotic lambs a neighbour is raising, two of which have just been imported from Iceland for genetic diversity purposes. He also reports that a local cat has been missing for three days. Fingers crossed.

The wolf preservation initiatives of the last decade mean there are fewer and fewer deer, which means wolves wander further and further in search of food, Sawyer says, citing GPS tracking that shows packs coming down from Algonquin Park for several days on foraging missions and then retreating to the safety of the protected parkland.

He is firmly convinced that the explosion in the wolf population, along with the increased population of nuisance bears is the direct result of misguided environmentalists.

"You don't see any deer any more, the beaver are gone, and that means their dams aren't being maintained, and so the ponds are drying out," said Sawyer.

"I guess they mean well," he adds, his voice trailing off.

It sounds like the law of unintended consequences to me. I know there are arguments on all sides of the conservation debate and the preservation of endangered species is, in the main, a good thing. But sometimes there can be too much of a good

### Kids today: reasons to hope

Kids today. That age old lament, often said with disdain or disgust, aimed at young(er) people who (a) have hair that's too long, (b) have coloured hair, (c) have spiked hair, (d) listen to weird music, (e) don't have a work ethic, (f) feel a sense of entitlement, (g) don't respect their elders or (h) have too much or too little of something which is obviously annoying the hell out of older people among

I try to avoid using the "kids today" line, partly because it can make a guy feel old and partly because I really feel most of this disgust is unwarranted.

Are kids today really that different than they've been in the past?

Keep in mind that at some point you were the "kid" being complained about and no doubt you took some pleasure in playing the

Yet somehow, over the years, we tend to lose perspective to what it means to be a kid and what's expected of you in both bad and good ways. Old(er) people want to be able to be angry or disgusted with youth because it entrenches their so-called wisdom.

Plus they resent them because they have the most prized possession of all, that being youth itself. Getting old is the privilege you get which allows one to judge the young in blanket statements that largely miss the point.

It's not that I blindly support youth, it's just that I've seen enough of the good ones to frankly give me hope for what lies ahead. While kids today do display some of the traits we've seen for eons, I think they are also part of a new breed in ways we have never encountered before. In some ways they are charting a new course.

Some say kids today are lazy, that they have no work ethic. I would counter that they do have a work ethic as long as that work does not include manual labour. For most of them manual labour is a foreign concept. Serving a hamburger is often as physical as it gets for them. They think: can't a computer or a robot do that? This is not meant as a joke. Kids today – a lot of them – view physical labour

as a last resort, to be undertaken only when there is no machine to save time and sweat. They see the shovel and wheel barrel as the lowest common denominator.



By Charlie **Teljeur** 

If they're lucky they have a relative who has taught them that if you can do it with your hands you will never be stuck not being able to do it. In other words, if you can count you can survive without a calculator. Show me a kid who doesn't appreciate manual labour and I'll show you a parent who likely doesn't

I see kids as the end product of what we teach them and what we don't teach them. Every kid (including you) has always looked to cut corners and search for the quick fix as the first reaction. But if they persist in keeping that up it says much more about the teacher than it does about the student.

But being a kid today is often harder than it has been in past. The same devices and advances that seem to give them an advantage also makes their growth more difficult. If you're 12 and you really don't get computers you're already a little behind the rest. If a college education isn't part of your future you face the same future their parents did without a high school education. The bar is just getting

Lastly, kids today don't have the blissful ignorance of youth on their side. The deluge of information out there allows them to clearly see the world they're set to inherit. Fewer wars yes, but more immediate problems of how to balance a world full of injustice and a planet with big health problems to face.

This is why you see more and more young people either engaged or tuning out. The brave know it's time to grab the wheel and the fearful bury their heads in a video game and say what's the point? The least we can do is cultivate their ambition and encourage their optimism. Reality will settle in soon enough for everyone. Let the kids be kids.

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# Editorial opinion

### —— weeWisdom

### What is a mom?

A mom is someone who takes care of you when you're sick or hurt and will use a whole box of band aids if that stops the pain.

She is the one who helps you with a school project and stays up late to correct all your spelling errors. A mom is someone who makes you a healthy, well-balanced, low-insugar lunch (even though all the other kids get six cookies and a can of pop.)

A mom lets you lick the brownie bowl and helps you get ready for a concert but reminds you to still breathe and hit the high note.

She is patient and understanding when you are scared of skiing down a big hill and helps you with your hair despite the fact she has a phone meeting she can't miss.

A mom lets you play in mud puddles, knowing that you will complain about being wet once you come inside, then lets you wear your Superman costume to school for picture day knowing she might get a call from the principal.

A mom knows you love ketchup on your burger but not on your fries.

She takes you to see your favourite band but doesn't make a big deal about the fact she doesn't like their music.

A mom has your back when she talks to your teacher.

She knows that sometimes you need to stay at home from school and have a day off.

Even though you've changed your mind four times, she stays up late to make your Halloween costume, and then throws you a

huge birthday party. Exhaustion doesn't slow her down.

When you're mad about something your friend said, your mom listens but helps you resolve the problem yourself.

By Anabelle

Craig

She knows that you are never too old for Lego and that you still sleep with your favourite stuffed animal.

No room on the fridge? No problem. A mom hangs up your latest masterpiece

She reads you bedtime stories and makes sure to use funny voices for all the

She spends the entire day walking through three malls to help you find the perfect prom dress even when you end up selecting the dress you saw first.

A mom will drive you to school when you miss the bus while curlers in her hair flail in the wind.

A mom will also stop a block away so she can take the curlers out and not embarrass

She's afraid of snakes, but lets you get one as a pet anyway.

A mom knows every time you need a hug even before you do.

This is a thank you to all the moms.

#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Heather Kennedy

A beaver dam under construction.

### Post office closure hard to understand

#### Dear Editor,

Highlands East Council has decided to close the Gooderham Post Office. The Post Office is an informal meeting and gathering point for the community, and currently serves at least seven hundred people (345 mailboxes). Their decision is hard to understand given that they have found funds for other important community services affecting smaller numbers of people such as the Wilberforce Curling Club and

the Wilberforce Library. Let's not forget that the role of a municipal government is not to make money but to provide services to its population. At a time when villages such as Gooderham are struggling to remain viable commercial and social centres, removing services such as the Post Office is accelerating this decline.

Gilbert Mongeau Buckhorn Road, Gooderham

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### **Gardening superheros**

A week or so ago I made mention of Canada's cultivate the most vigorous crop of weeds historic hunting and trapping tradition, and, while an army of beaver-skin clad, Davey Crockett hat wearing fellows forged routes and communities throughout this fine land, another type of pioneer was also busy doing his and her best to make ends meet in the True

I write, of course, of the farmer, the homesteader or settler, who travelled from afar to claim often unseen land and attempt to tame it and create a new rural life.

Why do I mention this, you may ask. Well, don't fret because you know I can be relied upon to come up with some cock and bull tale to tell you. And here it is.

You see, with the last vestiges of winter finally blown away and the warmer weather beginning to make itself felt, my lovely wife decided it was time for us to do a little gardening. She wants a veggie garden this year. I can't say that I'm as struck by the idea as her but what she wants, my lovely wife

And so, we set to and pulled back the heavy black plastic tarp that has been covering our vegetable patch for the last couple of years.

By way of explanation, I had insisted we cloak our garden in this black shroud after a growing season in which we managed to

that you have ever seen (I said weeds, with an 'S'!). My rationale was that we could suffocate the dastardly botanical intruders if we blanketed them in the tarp and stopped all light from getting through for a whole year.

One year turned into two, and while my lovely wife protested somewhat, I managed to ride it out and got away with no gardening for two full growing seasons.

With a third year coming around, I was beginning to think that she had actually grown to like the shiny black skin stretched across our garden but my luck, however, had finally run out and so off it came.

The uncovered soil looked well rested and there were only a few hardy weeds hanging on. I began to dig over the ground and very quickly found my first rock, a large round river stone that I remembered my son and his buddies burying.

And then there was another, and another. Pretty soon I had given up turning the soil with a spade and resorted to a hoe, with which I prodded at and then flicked out more and more stones. As the sweat ran down my face I consoled myself with the fact that my pile of stones would have seemed pitiful to the pioneering homesteaders, who dug out tonnes of granite and built walls with it around their

new fields.

Then, as I was stretching my back and firing off another stone into the tag alders, I saw it, a dinosaur.

Not a dinosaur bone, nor Jeff the dog's bone, before you ask, but a whole dinosaur, a stegosaurus to be precise. Carefully, I extracted the little fellow (he must have been a baby) from the garden and set him aside. Next came a triceratops and then a diplodocus and so on it went.

By this time I was getting rather weary of both digging and dinosaur finds. My rock picking/soil turning was becoming ragged and I was in need of light refreshment. However, I had to do a double take to check that I wasn't hallucinating when Spiderman turned up. Or should I rephrase that, when I turned Spiderman up, amidst the soil, another jumble of river stones and the remains of a G.I. Joe

I called to Little Z. "Come see what I've found."

I expected him to be overjoyed at the rediscovery of this pile of long lost toys. I was

"Daddy! Why did you dig up my dinosaurs?" he asked, frowning rather heavily. I began to answer but was cut off mid

"I was doing an experiment to see if I could grow dinosaur

fossils!'

Hmm, I had to By Will Jones applaud him for his ingenuity. After all, he'd buried them two years previous.

"And Spiderman?" I asked. ...

"Oh," said my son, and, almost without missing a beat, he continued: "He just crashed his jeep and ran out of webs so he couldn't get out before I covered him in dirt."

Little Z wandered off, taking his collection of filthy toys with him. I bent down again and picked up another rock. I carried on clearing the vegetable patch while marvelling about the back-breaking work those first settlers had to put in to make the wild land their own.

I wondered what unusual things that they might have found. Aboriginal arrowheads and cook pots may be, or skeletal remnants of vast moose, bison or bears... And then grimaced as the next stone I picked up felt soft in my hand.

I think it was something that the cat had buried there and I'm guessing she wasn't experimenting with fossil making.



The**Outsider** 

# Highlander opinions

### Eye on the street:

The Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization has revealed its new slogan for the Highlands, "Come Wander". What do you think?



**Bob Kirkham** 

Haliburton

I get it. I just don't know how many people would. It's not overly catchy.



Cynthia Kocot

Minden

Actually, I think it's a very good slogan for up here with all of the biking stuff that's been happening over the past couple of years. We have great hiking trails, too.



Jennifer Barry

Haliburton

Not bad.



#### **Shirley Barry**

Minden

I think it's catchy. They gotta do what they gotta do to promote the area.



Tom Googh

West Guilford

I don't know. It sounds a bit strange. Sounds like somebody doesn't know where to live.

#### Photos and interviews by Mark Arike

#### Census gets underway

The 2016 census got underway on Monday in Haliburton and across the country.

This year's version marks the return of the mandatory long-form questionnaire, which was killed by the previous Conservative government, which means that roughly a quarter Canada's 15 million households will be required to complete the longer version.

If the form is not filled out, representatives will come knocking on your door some time in June. The short form can be filled out on line or, if someone requests, a paper version will be sent out. More than 35,000 people are being hired across the country to conduct this year's census. Haliburton organizers are still looking for enumerators.

The positions pay about \$17 an hour. Anyone interested can call 1-877-325-2016. (*Colin MacKenzie*)

### SIRCH looks for new location in Haliburton

SIRCH Community Services is wants to move into the heart of Haliburton.

"We would like to be in town," said SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson.

People driving by SIRCH's main office on County Road 21 will notice a for sale sign out front.

The building and commercial lot is listed for \$265,000, but until a permanent home in town is found, it's business as usual, Robertson said.

"All our programs are running normally," she said, adding they haven't started looking for a new rental space.

SIRCH Central at 2 Victoria Street doesn't meet its office needs, Robertson added, so additional space is needed. SIRCH staff will continue to work out of their main office. Meetings, training sessions and other activities will take place there as well, but some will be moved to SIRCH Central. (Alex Coop)

### Organizations cash in on Trillium grants

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is handing out more than \$750,000 in grant money to four local organizations.

The Kinark Outdoor Centre in Minden received the largest sum of \$523,800

over 30 months to assist with staffing and program costs, and provide training for parents with special needs children through respite opportunities. Located off Queens Line, the centre is a respite provider, autism summer camp and outdoor recreation facility.

Community Living Haliburton County, an organization that supports people with intellectual disabilities, is receiving \$29,700 over 11 months to develop an integrative children's museum and related community program.

The initiative will help children and youth "who are facing barriers developing strong emotional and social skills," according to OTF's website.

The Haliburton Curling Club will get \$150,000 over four months to install new ice maintenance equipment. Finally, the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre obtained \$50,100 to renovate and improve its space. (Mark Arike)

#### More fire calls in Highlands East

The number of calls to the Highlands East fire department has almost doubled from

### County in brief

last year. Firefighters responded to 19 more calls than they did this time last year, 60 in comparison to 41 last year, which according to fire Chief Bill Wingrove was the department's busiest year.

"We're way up," Wingrove told council on April 25.

March was a busy month with 17 calls, an increase of seven.

This is mainly due to a rise in the number of medical assists, especially in Cardiff, he

"The demographics are getting older." (Mark Arike)

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Giant hogweed and beech bark disease is cropping up across the county.

### Public asked to report invasive species

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The county's conservation officer is keeping a close eye on invasive pests and plants that are a threat to Haliburton

Giant hogweed, a toxic non-native plant, and the highly invasive garlic mustard plant were at the top of James Rogers's list at last week's county council meeting. Now common in central Ontario, giant hogweed spreads easily and grows along ditches, roadsides and streams. It can cause severe burns that last years and blindness if the sap contacts

Part of Rogers' ongoing work is to identify noxious weeds and figure out how to stop them from spreading. Public awareness is part of the solution.

Beech bark disease, a scale insect native to Europe, is attacking beech trees across the county.

"It continues to be a major concern within the county, from a hazard tree perspective as well as ecological," said Rogers, referring to the danger of dead trees and branches falling on people or property.

The scale insect bores through the bark, creating an opportunity for fungus to suffocate the tree.

It remains a challenge for foresters and forest owners to manage effectively, said Rogers. Some landowners are removing affected trees to salvage the wood and remove hazards posed by dying trees.

Some trees are resistant to the disease and remain healthy, he said.

On April 1, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency included Haliburton County in its list of regulated areas for emerald ash borer. It is a highly destructive beetle that kills all species of ash trees. It has destroyed more than 90 per cent of ash in centres such as Toronto and Ottawa in the past five years.

"It hasn't been detected or confirmed in Haliburton County at this time," he said.

Other pests include the Asian long-horned beetle and hemlock woolly adelgid, both insects.

Councillor Dave Burton asked if the invasive plant phragmites poses a threat. Rogers said he was familiar with the grasslike plant that can invade marches, displacing wild rice and cattails, but hadn't received any reports of it.

"It's kind of new on my radar. I haven't really been watching it," he said.

Councillor Liz Danielsen was sure the plant is in the county. Councillor Suzanne Partridge mentioned wild parsnip, also known as poison parsnip. Although its roots are edible, the plant's sap can cause severe burns. Rogers said he received one report last year.

County Warden Carol Moffatt said it would be beneficial to have help from the public in locating any invasive plants.

To alert Rogers of any invasive plants or pests, email forestry@county.haliburton.on.ca.

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### Bring on the rain

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### Berry recall leads to free vaccine clinics

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Have you eaten Nature's Touch frozen berries from Costco in the past two weeks? Then it might be wise to get a free Hepatitis A immunization shot at the health unit.

Following a multi-province outbreak investigation, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency recalled the company's Organic Berry Cherry Blend of frozen fruit sold at stores across Canada between Dec. 11, 2015 and April 15, 2016.

Immunization clinics will be available at the Lindsay and Port Hope offices of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit to people six months of age and older who have not been fully vaccinated against Hepatitis A, according to a report from the HKPR.

Thirteen cases have been reported in Canada, with most occurring in Ontario.

"You are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated if you ate this product within the past 14 days and have not previously been immunized against Hepatitis A," said Dr. Lynn Noseworthy, medical officer of health for the HKPR. "If you are vaccinated within two weeks of exposure, you can be protected from developing the disease."

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Etiquette: Mind Your Manners exhibition in the Sterling Bank building includes artifacts from the collection that represent what was a daily requirement for personal conduct from tableware to clothing.

#### NATURE'S PLACE

May 4 - 28 - Birds from Here and Afar by Dan Busby is a photography show. Join Busby on May 21st for a presentation and talk. As a professional Omithologist and wildlife biologist, Busby's career focused on wildlife conservation, species at risk and environmental assessment. Through his photography Dan aims to convey what one might otherwise not see and help to forge a respect that may otherwise be absent.

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May 26 9:00 am, Regular Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers

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Please visit http://mindenhills.ca/employment-opportunities/ for full details.

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Advisory Committee Application Clerk's Department, 2nd floor Township of Minden Hills 7 Mine Street, PO Box 359 Minden, ON KDM 2KD sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Application deadline is Wed. May 11, 2018 by 12:00 noon.

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### Rail Trail sign policy gets green light from council

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Signs on the Haliburton County Rail Trail are now subject to regulation.

County council adopted a signage standards policy at its meeting last week.

In 2012, the Rail Trail's ad hoc working group determined it was necessary to set guidelines for signage along the corridor. It is designed to increase the safety and comfort of trail users, and ensure they receive useful information, according to the five-page policy document.

Signs have been classified into four categories: information, warning, regulatory and interpretive.

"The regulator signs, for the most part, are all in place," said Craig Douglas, director of public works. "But there are a few things to do."

Additional information signage will need to be added to identify alternative road routes and community safety zones, he said. This spring, all road crossings will be identified with combined road names and 911 civic addresses.

Councillor Liz Danielsen was concerned about businesses, such as a bed and breakfast, requesting to be included as a wayside destination. Information signs "provide information to individual trail users that assist in their orientation and navigation to wayside destinations," according to the policy.

"I just wanted to ensure we're clear

enough that nobody is going to start looking for wiggle room and try and argue [they're a wayside destination]," said Danielsen.

"I think the public process made it very clear there is no appetite for promotion of individual businesses or private business," said Warden Carol Moffatt, adding there is room for identifying points of interest. "Points of interest aren't subjective; they're things that are established in the community, like towns."

Councillor Suzanne Partridge felt it would be beneficial to direct users to gas stations, restaurants and accommodations.

"That also helps our businesses get some of the action from the trail," said Partridge.

Councillor Brent Devolin said that general icons could be used to direct people to these locations.

"Just a symbol with no specific identification," he said, adding this is common on cycling trails in the U.S.

There will be minor costs attached to new or modified signage, but just how much is unknown at this point.

"I have not planned that far out to get an actual cost, but the signage costs will be relatively small in comparison with the overall [Rail Trail] budget ..." Douglas told *The Highlander*.

The county-owned trail stretches from Haliburton to Kinmount. Its users include walkers, cyclists, horseback riders, ATVers and snowmobilers.



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Residents walk the Rail Trail during a sunny afternoon.



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to step up with

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Rural transportation has been an issue in Haliburton County since settlers arrived.

There is no public transit system and taking a cab to your destination can be frighteningly expensive given our geography.

The Haliburton Community Transportation Project is gathering information and creating resources to help ease the burden for those who don't have their own car to get around. The pilot project is being led by the Rural Transportation

Options (RTO) committee, which is part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative.

"It [the committee] has been working on rural transportation issues for nearly six years," Kate Hall, RTO representative, told county council last

The group has conducted eight studies since 2010, and hosted stakeholder meetings and community forums.

RTO obtained almost \$78,000 from the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) \$2 million, two-year Pilot Grant

Program. Haliburton County is one of 22 rural communities to receive funding. The program is designed to provide financial assistance for the development and implementation of community transportation initiatives.

It has also secured more than \$32,000 in in-kind contributions.

"Some of the objectives are to really facilitate the resource sharing among transportation stakeholders to use existing resources more efficiently and effectively," said Hall.

A survey was conducted last fall "to get a true sense of what the transportation landscape looks like in Haliburton County," said project coordinator Tina Jackson. It was sent to municipal services, businesses and non-profit organizations that provide transportation services.

Twelve groups responded and the survey revealed there are at least four full-time staff working on providing local transportation services. In 2015, seven programs offered by non-profits provided 15,970 rides or 43.75 rides per day.

There are 112 drivers in the county, three quarters of whom are volunteers. There are two paid full-time and four part-time

Some of the challenges cited by providers include: lack of manpower, recruitment and retention of volunteers, geography and "lack of political will."

With the funds, the RTO has hired a part-time system

navigator to assist ride seekers access transportation.

"Over the phone, the navigator can help get a sense of what service the rider is looking for and provide them with information on local services that match," said Jackson in an

It has also created a toll-free number and website with information about transportation options, and developed a social marketing campaign for ride sharing.

A design transportation summit and more planning are among the next steps.

"This project addresses the longstanding need that's been identified through research in a number of sectors," said

Jackson.

It addresses five of the recommendations in the Poverty Reduction Strategy's Transportation Action Plan and has an impact on housing, age-friendly communities and tourism. "Transportation alone will not eliminate poverty, but poverty cannot be reduced without transportation," says the action plan.

"This project has implications across Ontario, which is pretty exciting," said Jackson, explaining that the ministry is monitoring the progress of the project.

"I've been going to various meetings for years on transportation options," said County Warden Carol Moffatt. "It's nice to ... finally see something move forward." Moffatt added it will be difficult to execute some of the next

"The challenges that have been identified by the people in the survey are challenges that exist in a rural environment."

Councillor Brent Devolin was concerned about the website becoming too popular. He said the provincial government would need to step up to help solve transportation challenges.

"We already have a certain shortage of resources," said Devolin. "It's fine to have the seed money ... but is the provincial government going to step up with some real money here?"

Councillor Liz Danielsen said she was concerned about the comment regarding lack of political will.

"There has been a lot of support from the province in a number of different departments," said Danielsen. "You've had the support we can extend to give from the county."

Jackson made it clear the comment came from the survey, not the committee.

"I can only hazard a guess as to what went into that comment," she said.

Council received the presentation for information purposes only. The website will launch soon, said Jackson.



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# Highlander news



Photo by Mark Arike

Debris from the recent washout litters Don Shortell's driveway

# Municipality helps resident after road washout

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

A couple of weeks ago, a torrential downpour washed out part of Monrock Lake Road in Wilberforce and dumped it on Don Shortell's property.

And because of the damage, he turned to the Municipality of Highlands East for help.

"One day it snowed about four, five inches maybe and two days later it got warm ... and it rained and rained. Just a horrendous rain," said Shortell in an interview.

About 60 feet of the road gave way, filling a trench near his property with sand and gravel and washing away the upper half of his driveway.

"The sand and gravel then filled and plugged my culvert and sent the water straight down towards the cottage," he said. "This took the remaining part of the driveway to the bottom of the hill." Nothing like this has ever happened before said Shortell in his 42 years as a cottager.

His neighbours weren't affected, but he said some of the debris ended up in Monrock Lake.

"I didn't really know what to do," said Shortell, who is retired. "My brother said he would bring a pick and shovel. I said we can't do it."

Municipal roads staff and Reeve Dave Burton surveyed the damage, and it was brought to the attention of council last week.

"I do feel it's partly our problem," Burton told council.

Since part of the road ended up on his property, Ward 4 Councillor Joan Barton felt the municipality should pitch in to clean up the mess.

"He just wants to take his car back to his property," said Barton. "To me, I feel the gentleman is being more than reasonable."

Chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter warned council that their decision would be precedent-setting.

"It's unfortunate circumstances," said Hunter. "We have washouts all the time that affect private property. We will have to be very careful of the wording we give staff because it will be used on a go-forward basis."

Council voted in favour of partnering with Shortell to remove the debris from his property.

He was very happy with the outcome. "I'll be able to drive and park here — and that's kind of paramount," he said.

### Wolf meets coyote: scientist explains hybrid

By Courtney Griffin

Contributing writer

Some residents in Haliburton County have had the unique thrill of seeing one of our most elusive wild animals: the wolf. But what did they really see? A wolf or a coyote? Brent Patterson, a research scientist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and assistant professor at Trent University, has been searching for the answer.

Patterson explored his research in a presentation to the Haliburton Fish and Wildlife Council April 19 at the Fish Hatchery. It was entitled Status and Conservation of Wolves and Coyotes in Central Ontario.

As it turns out, the answer may be that these canines are neither wolf nor coyote, but rather a hybridization of the two.

Coyotes, which are not native to Ontario, have expanded their range northward as humans have developed the land in a way that better suits coyote habitat requirements, Patterson said. This has caused coyotes to come into contact with the Eastern wolf, and resulted in interbreeding between the species.

This genetic hybridization has created an animal informally known to some as the coywolf, or more humourously as a woyote. The physical and behavioural traits of these canids are seemingly a blend of the two parent species, leading to confusion about what the animal truly is and leaving us questioning what we're seeing

Patterson explained that before hybridization, wolves and coyotes had straightforward social structures comprised of a family unit of parents and pups. Wolf pups take longer to mature, so they stay with their parents for a longer period of time – typically one to two years – leading wolves to be known as pack animals. Since coyotes reach maturity at a younger age, pups venture out on their own earlier and leave the mated pair as the social unit. This structure has become less defined as genetics are combined between the species.

The hybrid's mixed DNA has led to changes in not only this social structure, but in the way the animals hunt, and what types of prey they pursue. Being physically larger than the coyote but less wary than the wolf, the hybrid accesses territory and food sources in a manner unlike either of the parent species.

Concerns have been raised that this hybridization may pose a threat to the viability of the Eastern wolf as they compete for resources.

Ultimately, the implications of genetic hybridization between wolves and coyotes are unknown. DNA sampling can provide details on how much wolf, coyote, and even dog genetics are present in individuals, but does not reveal any behavioural differences. Scientists can speculate on how inter-breeding will impact food, territory, and social structures, but time and research will provide the most accurate and comprehensive results.



Photo by Walt Griffin

Research scientist Brent Patterson shows off a trap during his presentation.

# Highlander business



Photo by Alex Coop

The Haliburton Highlands Economic Impact Survey says visitors spend an average of \$540 per trip to the county.

### Cycling stimulates Haliburton economy

#### Survey results show cyclists generate income for businesses

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Haliburton is becoming a popular cycling destination, and a recent survey shows the word about our cycling opportunities is spreading and is benefitting businesses.

The Haliburton Highlands Cycling Economic Impact Survey was conducted by the Communities in Action Committee, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Department.

"There's been a lot of research done in Quebec, the Niagara region, and it's shown that cyclists do spend money when they are visiting," said Sue Shikaze, chair of the Communities in Action Committee.

Survey results show that visitors often stay for four days or more and spend an average of \$540 per visit.

Fifty-four per cent of visitors who completed the survey — out of the 164 respondents, 39 were visitors — said it even influenced them on their decision to buy a cottage.

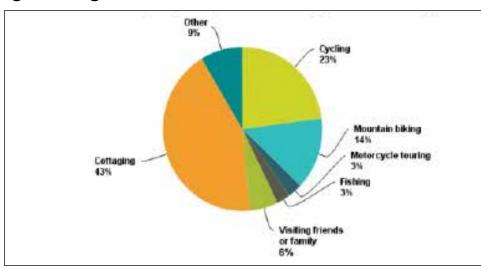
Seventy-five per cent said it was a big part of their quality of life.

Permanent residents were also included in the survey, and their answers in most categories were very similar.

Shikaze said the results are not a surprise, but it will be interesting to compare them to future survey results, which will also allow them to build better strategies to improve cycling opportunities.

But for now, the cycling community is in a good place, she said, adding downtown cores in Haliburton and Minden, the most frequently visited areas according to the survey, are doing a good job fostering a positive cycling community.

Many bike racks can be found in high traffic



Graph from Haliburton Highlands Economic Impact Survey Cycling is a big reason why people visit Haliburton County.

areas, while drivers are well aware of the use w

increasing number of cyclists on the road. "I've already seen the 'share the road' signs back up," Shikaze said.

Barrie Martin, owner of Yours Outdoors, confirmed the uptick in cycling activity, but said the county could use additional

marketing.

"Businesses can be more cycling-friendly too, and that might involve signage, which directs cyclists to a place where they can

secure their bikes in a safe spot," Martin said. Additional paved shoulders on the roads would also help, he added.

Twenty of the survey respondents who were visitors and provided feedback about road conditions, agreed.

Seventy per cent of them identified the need for more and better paved shoulders.

Of the 103 residents who answered the same question, 54 per cent said the county could

use wider and better-maintained shoulders. The construction of dedicated bike lanes

as opposed to paved shoulders was also suggested.

"We also need to keep marketing the area and provide more cycling amenities for both self-guided and guided opportunities," Shikaze said.

All respondents in the survey said trail quality and road safety were the top two reasons why they enjoyed cycling in the Highlands.

The full survey results can be found on thehighlander.ca.

Legislative changes in the province are also reflecting Ontario's push for a friendlier cycling environment, Shikaze said, pointing to the increased fines for opening car doors unexpectedly in busy cyclist areas and for not using reflectors at night.



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### What's **Up Bowie and Prince visit Gelert**

Occasionally I take a break from directly commenting on arts and culture in the Highlands to write something silly, and that's what you'll get this week.

I suppose we can safely say that spring is finally here and that soon black fly season will be upon us. The wild leeks are already up, and of course they'll be at their best when the dreaded black flies are at their worst.

However, we can take solace in the fact that this time of year are some of the finest days for walking around the Highlands. Many of my own walks take me past the Sedgwick farm in Gelert. The heritage farm has been in that family since 1850 when land was first deeded. I often walk along the Rail Trail to one of the gates that separate the fields from the old rail bed, and then I hike to the top of the hill which gives me a great panorama of fields, barns, cows, horses, trees and big skies.

Walking in the area, always with Weasel, our Jack Russell terrier, gives me plenty of time for reflection. A few years ago, when I was writing my book, I started recording voice notes on my phone and it proved to be a great way to remind myself of certain phrases or ideas that I would have invariably forgotten. I recorded again on a recent walk. Nothing specific this time, just streams of semi-consciousness.

As I came upon one of the many stone walls on the Sedgwick property I recorded thoughts on Marion and Wendell Sedgwick. Wendell was an icon of Gelert, a well-known and well-respected minister, farmer, and maple syrup gatherer, who several years ago lost his life when his tractor flipped on him. Marion, Wendell's sister, was a missionary in Papua New Guinea in her younger days. She is often to be seen walking around the farm.

My mind jumped from Marion and Wendell to a Sedgwick cousin, Elgin, who also farmed in Gelert and who passed away many years ago. I borrowed Elgin's name for one of the characters in my book Lonely Lake, the story of which is ostensibly set in the Highlands. I started to think of other characters in the book; specifically a clown. The clown was structured on someone I once knew who based his clown persona on David Bowie's Ziggy Stardust. That memory summoned the recent deaths of Bowie and Prince, and I thought that in a way they both reminded me of court jesters.

At one time jesters were an important part of life at the royal court. Among other things they were entertainers, and they related stories by way of spoken word and in song. Those songs and stories were repeated to the common folk; not so unlike what happens with our more successful modern day recording stars.

So, walking along, phone in hand, I mentally placed Bowie and Prince in an1850's Gelert movie set.



**By George Farrell** 

Back then Gelert was a bustling, farming and logging centre, not the ghost town of today. It was evening, and a bunch of loggers were outside, sitting around a big fire, listening to whip-poor-wills trilling in the inky outback. Not to be outdone by avian usurpers, Bowie, dressed in an immaculate, thin white suit, and Prince, in sequined jock strap, purple tights, thigh-high boots and puffy shirt, interposed themselves between the loggers and the fire. As each in turn primped and pranced, singing their hits, they cast eerie shadows on the surrounding trees and wooden buildings. The rapt faces of the loggers were reddened not only by the blaze of the fire, but with glee, euphoria, and in more than one case, lust. At the conclusion Bowie and Prince received a rousing cheer; and were offered, from a communal cup, warm maple syrup. They politely sipped the cloying treacle and responded with confused, quizzical looks and smiley grimaces.

The loggers, unsurprisingly, were filled with questions so the performers sat around the fire foretelling a future of glitter and glitz, tragedy, and the too-early passing of other famous jesters, jokers and actors. After a while the lads began to flag, so their hosts led them to a large, oneroom log house containing contained a single, king-sized bed. The two stars were gently tucked in by several burly loggers. Then a squeezebox was produced and the Gelert loggers sang a series of classic songs by Stompin' Tom Connors, (a clown prince of a different ilk). Bud the Spud proved an excellent soporific and as the two lads drifted off, dreaming of trysts with Vanity and Iman, the loggers tippy-toed toed out into the night.

A series of sharp barks interrupted my ludicrous reverie and I quickly pin-pointed the sound to a nearby wetland where Weasel, paddling prodigiously was in hot pursuit of a couple of Canada Geese. After a few nasty pecks on the noggin the terrier realized the futility of the chase and retreated to dry land. Together we made our way homeward, Weasel thinking of her supper, and me trying to figure out what on earth I would do with all the nonsense I had recorded on my phone.

#### **Haliburton County's Hot Reads**

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



#### **HCPL's TOP FICTION**

- 1. 15th Affair by James Patterson
- 2. *The Apartment* by Danielle Steel
- 3. Best of My Love by Susan Mallery

#### **HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION**

1. Seasons of Hope: memoirs

of Ontario's first Aboriginal *Lieutenant-Governor* by James Bartleman

- 2. Cute and Easy Crocheted Cozies: 35 Simply Stylish Projects to Make and Give by Nicki Trench
- Things to Carve from Wood by Tom Hindes

#### **HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES**

- 1. The Lending Zoo by Frank Asch (Picture Book)
- 2. Bacca and The Skeleton King: An Unofficial Minecrafter's Adventure by JeromeASF with Scott Kenemore (JF)

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- 1. Krampus (DVD)
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# **OSGA** summer games

### **Schedule**

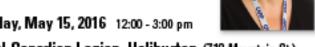
DATE	EVENT	START TIME	LOCATION	CONVENOR(S)
May 5 - Thurs	Bid Euchre	1:00 PM	Cardiff Community Centre Cardiff	John & Donna Teravainen 61 3-3 39-9960
May 6 - Fri	Cribbage	1:00 PM	Gravenhurst Seniors Centre 480 First St. N., Gravenhurst	Doug Duce 705-687-9056
May 9 - Mon	Bid Euchre	1:00 PM	Minden Legion 12847 HWY -35, Minden	Beverly Johnson 705-286-3085
May 12 - Thurs	Cribbage	1:00 PM	Kin mount Legion 11 County Rd. 503, Kinmount	Donna Teravainen 613-339-9960
May 13 - Fri	Euchre	1:00 PM	Gravenhurst Seniors Centre 480 First St. N., Gravenhurst	Bernice Sopher 705-687-5435
May 16 - Mon	Euchre	1:00 PM	Minden Legion 12847 HWY-35, Minden	Beverly Johnson 705-286-3085
May 18 - Wed	Carpet Bowl	9:00 AM	Cardiff Community Centre 2747 Monck Road, Cardiff	Carrol Williams 613-339-1710 Fred Krieger 613-332-1807
May 20 - Fri	Bid Euchre	1:00 PM	Gravenhurst Seniors Centre 480 First St. N., Gravenhurst	Bernice Sopher 705-687-5435
May 24 - Tues	Bridge Ouplicate Contract	9:00 AM 1:00 PM	Stanhope Community Centre 1123 North Shore Rd. AlgonquinHighlands	Kathie Porter 705-286-3378 Linda Cherry 705-455-2656
May 26 - Thurs	Euchre	1:00 PM	Cardiff Community Centre 2747 Monck Road, Cardiff	Donna Teravainen 613-339-9960
May 27 - Fri <i>Rain date</i> May30 - Mon	Воссе	1:00 PM	West Guilford Community Centre West Guilford	Bob & Donna Gardner 705-754-0143
May 30 - Mon	Horseshoes	10:00 AM	Gooderham Community Centre Gooderham	Ron Barr 705-447-3092
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# Highland Storm



#### 2015-16 MIDGET YEAR IN REVIEW



#### A message from coach Gord Wood

The Midget team started off the year with 17 skaters and two goalies, which is the maximum number allowed by OMHA. Our team had lots of ups and downs over the year and we did not have a full roster for any game until after Christmas. There were many games when we started with 12 skaters and ended with eight or nine due to injuries. That being said, through adversity, all players improved in one or more aspects of their game by the end of the year.

The highlight of the year was when our boys rallied to win their home tournament. Every player pitched in to fill a role and they played as a complete team.

By year's end, we were beating teams that we had struggled against early in the season, which showed growth and maturity in a team that I can say our coaching staff is very proud of. We wish our third year players, Mac Rider, Ryan Hill and Jaydon Wood, all the best in their future endeavours.



# Highland Storm





### 3-Stars of the Midget Season





## Jaydon Wood CENTRE



Captain Jaydon Wood was, without question the one who was counted on night in and night out to lead his team onto ice and into battle, regardless of who the opposition was. One to let his play do the talking, Jaydon was as likely to make a game-changing shot block as he was to dangle the opposition and score with his sublime handles. Jaydon's heart was on display in October, when, with only 11 skaters, he valiantly staged a third period comeback recording multiple points to get the Storm within one goal, falling short to the South Muskoka Bears.

#### Owen Patterson-Smith CENTRE



One will never question Owen's tenacity after what he had to endure this season. Early into the season Owen suffered a small tear in his lung. Only missing a couple games, Owen was back battling on the front lines with his Storm teammates, never taking a night off. A two-game span in mid-October stands out as a highlight for Owen, as he recorded four goals and two helpers over the two games.

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## Parker Smolen GOALIE



Goalie Parker Smolen earns our third star of the 2015/16 season. The Tyler Norrie Memorial Challenge in November was the platform for a big weekend for the Midget Storm tender. In the first game, which was decided in a shootout, Parker stopped all of his opposition's attempts, leading his Storm to victory. He wasn't done there, as he completely shut out the Southwest Bullets en route to a 8-0 shellacking at the hands of the Storm, who finished the tournament as semi-finalists.

**Photos by Tim Tofflemire** 

Congratulations to this year's Midget Highland Storm stars!





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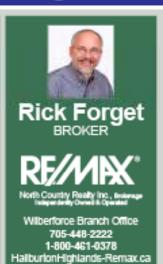
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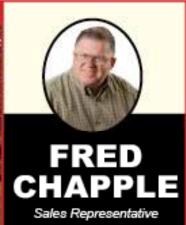


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# Highlander sports







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### Training day

Top: Grade 11 athletes Ryan Manning, left, and Kendel Marsden work on their hurdles during an afterschool track and field practice earlier this week. Left: Several students worked on their discus throwing skills. Above left: Grade 9 athlete Coleman Heavn practices his triple-jump skills. Above: Grade 10 athlete Lucas Bortolussi performs a long jump.

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# Highlander sports

#### **Bowling Scores**

#### Monday afternoon, April 25

**MEN:** High average: Claude Cote – 221 High single: Claude Cote 278 High single handicap: Claude Cote – 291

High triple: Claude Cote – 739 High triple handicap: Claude Cote – 751 **WOMEN:** High average: Chris Cote – 178

High single: Chris Cote – 205 High single handicap: Chris Cote – 241 High triple: Chris Cote – 545 High triple handicap: Karen Baird

#### Tuesday afternoon, April 26

**MEN:** High average: Claude Cote – 224 High single: Bill Fry – 250 High single handicap: Bill Fry – 296 High triple: Claude Cote – 648 High triple handicap: Bill Fry – 693

**WOMEN:** High average: Chris Cote – 182

High single: Chris Cote – 244 High single handicap: Chris Cote – 276 High triple: Chris Cote – 732 High triple handicap: Karen Baird – 717

#### Wednesday Special Olympics, April

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MEN: Jeffrey Coulson – 161 Ross Anderson – 155 Jason Cochrane – 148 WOMEN: Andrea Austin – 157

Donna Mae Lee – 136

#### Melinda Nesbitt – 125

#### Thursday afternoon, April 28

**MEN:** High average: Gerry Wagg – 186 High single: Walter Franke – 273 High single handicap: Walter Franke – 340

High triple: Walter Franke – 547 High triple handicap: Walter Franke – 748

**WOMEN:** High average: Barb Ballantyne – 176 High single: Edith Shirran – 209 High single handicap: Judy Reddy – 299 High triple: Edith Shirran – 567 High triple handicap: Edith Shirran –

#### Friday afternoon, April 29

**MEN:** High average: Claude Cote – 214 High single: Claude Cote – 245 High single handicap: Tom Marshall – 282

High triple: Claude Cote – 665 High triple handicap: Ken Thompson – 712

**WOMEN:** High average: Chris Cote –

High single: Chris Cote – 221 High single handicap: Beverly Alexander – 277

High triple: Chris Cote – 633

High triple handicap: Chris Cote – 732

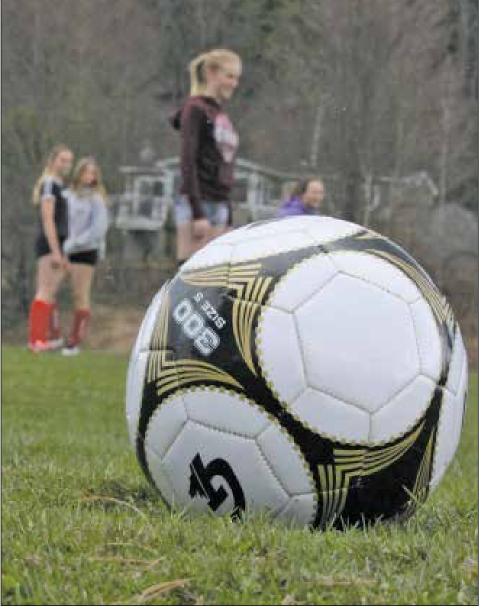


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The junior and senior girls soccer teams scrimmage each other after school

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# HHSS girls soccer program a well-oiled machine

#### Grade 11 players bring new energy, says coach

#### By Alex Coop

Staff writer

A 2-0 start and a dominant offensive performance against St. Thomas Aquinas is proof that the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) soccer program is doing exactly what it is meant to; create a winning team.

"This is one of the strongest groups we've had in several years," said Amy Klose, one of the senior team's coaches. "They're mostly Grade 11 students."

Grade 12 player and team captain Mackenzie Henderson led the way with eight goals during the seniors' 8-0 blowout victory against St. Thomas.

This is her first year playing with HHSS after a brief stint in her native Montreal.

Mackenzie, who also plays rep soccer in the city, said she's been trying to instill a positive attitude within the team.

The winning, she said, is also helping. A strong junior program, led by head coach Judi Paul, has been successful in perfecting the fundamentals of soccer and providing team members with an opportunity to succeed at the senior level, she added.

It's a message Paul has reiterated to her young roster, which as of press time, lost its first two games of the season

"I tell them 'this is part of the process," she said. "And [the junior team] is so smart and so positive and they celebrate their improvements."

The HHSS teacher has been leading the junior team on-and-off for 20 years and said ball control is a major emphasis.

"That's our focus right now since we only have a couple of returning players and a lot of rookies," she said.

The senior team's core group of Grade 11s have played together since Grade 9, and the team chemistry is strong, Klose said.

The junior and senior teams scrimmage against each other regularly at the end of practices.

"It really helps us since we don't have a lot of game experience," Paul said.

# Highlander life



**Photo by Alex Coop** 

Jennifer Button is getting ready to run clinics and train local staff in and around the town of Grand Goave in Haiti.

## Haliburton County paramedic heading to Haiti

#### By Jennifer Hughey

Contributing writer

A medical mission to Haiti isn't just a bucket list item for Jennifer Button, it's a cause close to her heart.

And the Haliburton paramedic gets her wish next week when she heads off on a medical mission as part of a nine-member team that will run clinics and train local staff in and around the town of Grand Goave.

The 33-year-old works full-time with Haliburton County Paramedic Services (HCPS) and part-time with Peterborough County paramedics, which is organizing the mission. It will include six paramedics, an emergency room physician from Lindsay, a police officer and an IT technician. It's the third year a team from Peterborough has gone to Haiti, after previous trips took them to Honduras and Nicaragua.

"I'm the only participant in this year's trip that lives in the county," said Button, who has been a resident of Haliburton for 10 years, the same length of time she has been a paramedic.

She went to CTS College in Barrie and told The Highlander she fell in love with the Haliburton area when completing her co-op placement.

"[It was] the people and the small town life," Button said. "I moved to Haliburton in 2006 after graduating from college. My family all still lives in the York Region area." Button now lives with boyfriend Chris Iles, incoming fire Chief Mike Iles' son, who is also a paramedic in Haliburton.

In the past, Peterborough County Paramedics – along with the charitable organization Hope Grows – built a medical clinic at the Hope Grows compound in Grand Goave, which is about an hour west of Port au Prince, the Haitian capital.

"What makes Grand Goave unique, is the diversity of its 117,000 inhabitants," Button said. "More than 7,000 Haitians reside in the town ... while the remaining 110,000 live in its seven mountainous areas."

Mountain residents get very little support due to isolation and limited access, she said.

"Many of the population suffer and die from disease and ailments that could easily be treated and often cured," Button said. These include malaria, scabies and lung disease or complications during childbirth.

Peterborough County paramedic Jennifer Farquharson participated for the first time last year and will be going again this year.

"When people ask me how my trip to Haiti

in 2015 was, I find it difficult to summarize in a simple response," Farquharson said. "The stark contrast between Haiti's beauty and devastation is hard to reconcile with the world as we know it living in Canada."

In 2015, Farquharson and other paramedics helped build a medical clinic and provided medical care through a faith-based charity called Hope Grows, which works to feed, clothe, shelter and educate. It has opened schools that educate more than 850 children and provides 1,000 meals weekly to the children in Grand Goave. Last year's mission treated more than 300 patients.

Peterborough County paramedic and group organizer Bill Martin said the clinic they helped build last year is now complete but that there is more work to be done.

"At this point in time, the clinic is nothing more than a building," said Martin, a former pastor for Haliburton Emergency Medical Services.

Button said the people of Hope Grows create an itinerary for the team that will include clinic days at the compound, home visits to newborns, local elderly-care home visits, one day of travel into the mountainous region to teach first aid to school teachers.

But the opportunity to experience life in

Haiti isn't the only reason Button is going.

"I've wanted to participate in a medical mission trip for some time now. The opportunity to experience a culture and lifestyle unlike anything I've ever been exposed to really interests me. Knowing that I can help make a difference by using the skills, knowledge and resources that I'm lucky enough to have, is what motivates me.

County of Haliburton's emergency services director Craig Jones said he and the team are extremely proud of Button.

"I personally applaud her commitment to humanity and this organization, Jones said. "Haiti will be lucky to experience her professionalism and compassion."

Expenses are around \$1,500 for one week and each participant is responsible for themselves. The group has organized multiple fundraising events, including an online auction, and volleyball tournament.

"The chance to make even just a small difference in the health of even one Haitian is what makes this trip important to me," Button

Anyone wishing to donate to the Haiti Medical Mission can visit hopegrows.ca

# Highlander events



**Photo by Alex Coop** 

#### Spaghetti dinner goes a long way

Dozens packed the Lochlin Community Centre where organizers hosted a spaghetti dinner on Saturday. The money raised went towards playground equipment in Lochlin.



Photo by Colin MacKenzie

#### Girl Guides kick off cookie sale

The spring Girl Guide cookie sale kicked off last Saturday at Todd's Independent on County Road 121. The local troop is hoping to sell 50 cases of the chocolate and vanilla boxes, and the day's sale was good start to the drive, which will also see girls visiting their neighbours and relatives to sell the cookies. Fans of the famous mint cookies will have to wait until the fall sale.



Photo by Bill Kerr

#### Dental Outreach's Dr. Purc wins award

Dr. Arnie Weingarten, left, presents the Community Service Recognition Award to volunteer dentist John Purc April 21 in Peterborough. Purc is a longtime volunteer for the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County. Weingarten congratulates Purc for how well he has treated patients, as well as his dedication to new dental assistants and hygienists who look for work experience.

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# Highlander events



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### Vocal harmony

Melissa Stephens (centre) directs the Highlands Festival Singers on Sunday afternoon at the Haliburton United Church. The group came together to perform for this year's Spring Concert and put on a show called, "The Funny Thing About Music."



# Highlander outdoors

# Bird lovers sought for osprey watch program

By Mark Arike

Staff write

A volunteer organization in Lindsay is doing what it can to protect ospreys from harm.

And it is calling on the public to help them locate birds in trouble.

"The osprey is at the top of the food chain," said Barb Puxley, founder of Friends of the Osprey. "If they start to decline, then [it means] our waters are bad."

The number of ospreys in an area is a good indication of water quality, says Puxley.

Since 1996, the non-profit has been rescuing ospreys from a variety of dangerous situations. For example, some nests are precariously perched on power lines. Other birds end up entangled in fishing line, weeds or other garbage left by humans.

Puxley recalled observing nests on tree stumps and duck blinds, being destroyed by high water levels near Lindsay. That's when she decided to take action.

"It [the water] would wash it off," she said. Puxley and four bird watching friends took photos of the osprey and their nests. She then raised enough money to install quadropod (four-legged) platforms to help them. The platforms are designed to allow osprey to build their nests on a sturdy structure.

Ospreys are fish-eating hawks that live in the interior of Canada and the U.S. They are

an adaptable bird that can nest in natural and artificial structures close to water, including atop dead trees, hydro poles, duck blinds, microwave towers and navigation light towers.

During the 1950s and 60s, the population dropped dramatically due to an insecticide known as DDT (dichloro-diphenyltrichloroethane). DDT, which also ravaged the population of eagles, hawks and falcons, by contaminating water and the osprey's food source; fish. Its use was banned in Ontario in 1974.

Osprey numbers are now on the rise. This is why Friends of the Osprey are seeking updates from the public on their well-being.

"We need your help to report on the osprey's arrival, how many chicks they raise and whether those chicks all fly."

Volunteers will visit a site if the birds and their nest are in trouble.

"We have the people, talents and equipment to rescue a bird in trouble, and the veterinarians on-call to assess the bird in distress."

The organization serves Haliburton County and Kawartha Lakes.

Anyone interested in monitoring a nest should call Puxley or her husband Phil at 705-738-6271.

For more information about the organization visit friendsoftheosprey.org.

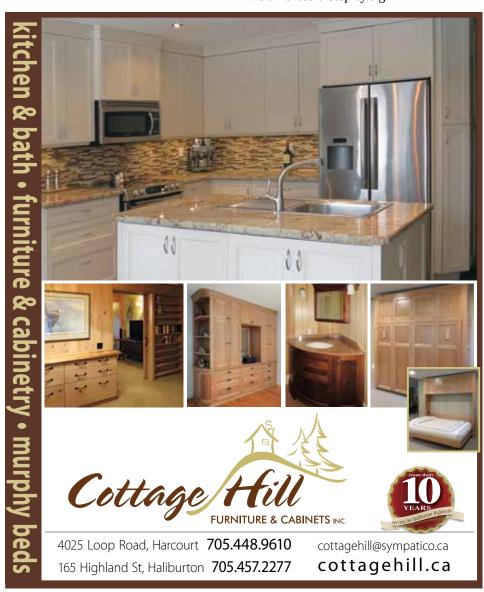


Photos submitted by Bruce Miller

## Stocking the lakes

Pictured above: HHOA hatchery volunteer Randy Charter stocking Glamor Lake with over 5,000 rainbow trout. Right: Volunteer Merv Rivers passes a net full of lake trout to ministry staff for stocking in Lake Kashagawigamog while other volunteers look on. The Fish Hatchery is stocking the area lakes with about 30,000 lake and rainbow trout.







# Highlander history



Photo by Alex Coop

Dysart chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee and municipal clerk Cheryl Coulson look through archives in the municipality office building's vault.

# Dysart office bursting with history

# Municipality looks for new space to store its archives

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Boxes of dusty floppy discs and hundreds of binders full of hand-written minutes and resolutions hardly see the light of day, but an increasing number of these boxes can be found scattered throughout Dysart's township building.

"We're bursting at the seams," said Cheryl Coulson, Dysart's municipal clerk, pointing to a stack of boxes next to a window.

Not far away, a tiny compartment, accessible only by a ladder, contains boxes full of rolled up building plans.

"We're even keeping old software just

in case that data has to be extracted," said Tamara Wilbee, Dysart's chief administrative officer.

The venerable accounting software Wilbee points to is still in its original packaging, but is completely out of date.

Unlike larger municipalities that have full-time staff overseeing the archiving process, Coulson has limited resources at her disposal.

In cooperation with department heads, she collects all the information the municipality is required to physically store every year under Ontario law.

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A "purge," as Coulson describes it, is also done during this time.

But the recordkeeping isn't consistent

across the various departments, and it's time for a change, she said.

A push for the implementation of The Ontario Municipal Records Management System (TOMRMS) is necessary, Coulson said, in order to establish consistency across the departments.

"It will gives us some ground work for our filing system."

TOMRMS has been used in the province since the 1980s.

But it's the lack of storage space that has to be addressed first, she said.

The possibility of off-site storage has been considered, Wilbee added, but not fully explored.

Improvements to digital archiving and public access to information has allowed for today's council minutes and agendas to be easily accessible on Haliburton County's website.

Physical copies of these documents, however, also need to be stored, and it's

all accumulating quickly.

A dusky vault packed with items dating back as far as 1867 is located on each floor of the historical municipal building.

Handling these decades-old documents takes special care, says Haliburton Highlands Museum director Kate Butler.

"As documents get older and older, they become more delicate and more brittle," she said.

"It's vital to keep natural oil from your hands off of the pages."

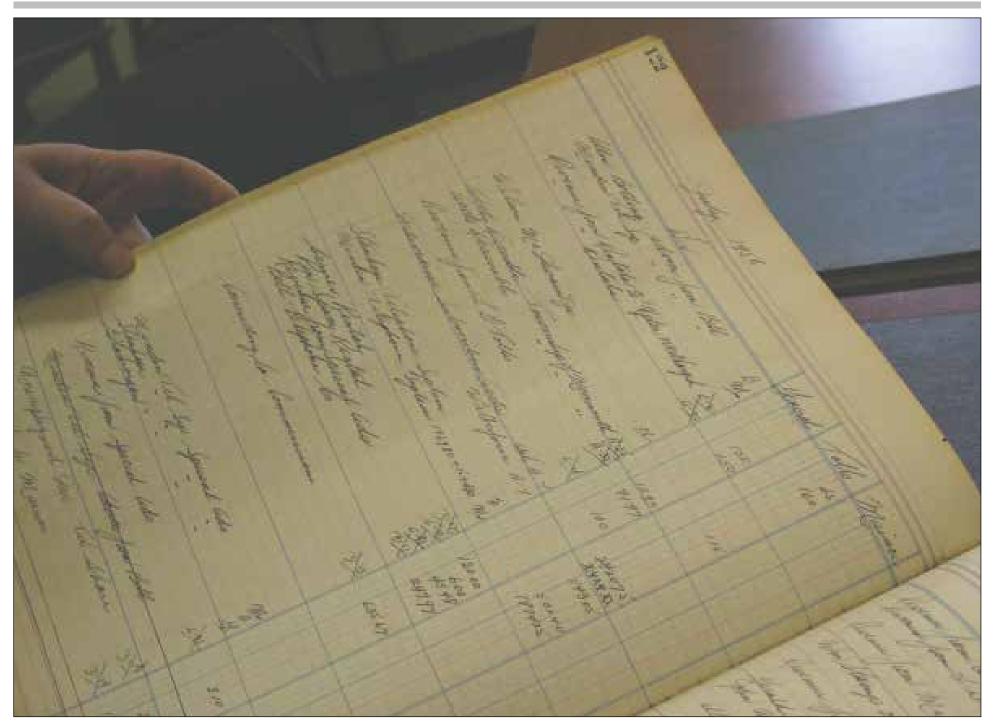
Relative humidity is another factor that needs to be carefully monitored.

The spines of bound documents will deteriorate quickly if they are frequently opened all the way.

"Everyone who is trying to store documents faces different challenges," she

"The sheer man hours it takes to correctly compile and store these records is a big one."

# Highlander history







**Photos by Alex Coop** 

Top: Accounting records from 1956 were all hand written. Left: A box of floppy discs containing old cemetary records sits in one of the vaults in the municipal building. Right: A small room accessible only by a ladder contains old building plans.

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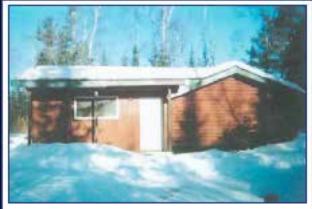
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The interment of Bob's ashes, will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14th, 2016, at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, 112 Chambers Road, Camarvon, Algonquin Highlands Township, should you wish to attend the interment.

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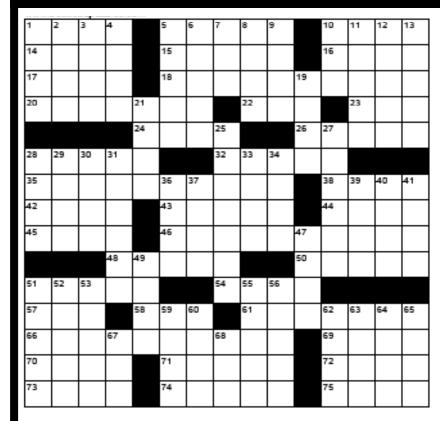
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### **Event Listings**

#### **Highlands East** Information Center

Open May 7th to Thanksgiving Weekend 10am to 4pm daily, closed Tuesdays

2773 Essonville Line

(Wilberforce Curling Club), Wilberforce

#### Lou Moody Memorial Rainbow Trout Fish Derby

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Wilberforce Legion Branch 624 \$15.00 per person – 1 fish entry – weigh in at the branch 3-6pm – Participants must be present to collect prizes. Tickets available at the branch or Wilberforce Bait Shop

#### **Keep Our Community Sweeping Yard Sale**

Saturday, July 2, 2016

Lloyd Watson Center, Wilberforce Contact Tammy Vaughan 705 448-3807 for more information.

#### Gooderham's 503 Street Sale

Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Downtown Gooderham

#### Canada Day Celebrations

Friday, July 1, 2016

Red Cross Outpost Wilberforce Robert McCausland Center Gooderham

#### **Keep Our Community** Sweeping Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, July 16, 2016

from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm Lloyd Watson Center Wilberforce

Price per adult = \$10, Children 5 - 12 years old = \$5, Children under 5 are FREE.

#### Penny Raffle

Saturday July 16, 2016

Keith Tallman Memorial Arena Funds raised support the arena flooring upgrades.

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# What's on



# Bringing the plight of animals to light

#### By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Dr. Ron Goodlin wants his grandkids to see a live polar bear one day and not just read about them in history books.

"If people can actually see that what we do is affecting our animal population and our world, they may stop buying plastic water bottles and over-packaged items that end up in a polar bear's home," said the Toronto-based dentist turned photographer.

Goodlin is no stranger to the Highlands. The Greater Toronto Council of Camera Clubs' 2015 Photographer of the Year shared his stories about Africa to a receptive crowd at the Minden Cultural Centre two years ago.

However, the Arctic and polar bears will take centre stage in Goodlin's upcoming presentation May 13 at the Fish Hatchery in Haliburton.

Guests can expect some interesting stories. "There are so many memories, a few close calls," Goodlin said, recalling the time his Jeep got stuck on the road while a lion stalked

him and his driver 20 feet away.

Goodlin has had close encounters with hippos as well.

"One tried to swamp our small boat," he

Some stories will also be emotional.

"Watching a polar bear in the pristine Arctic, miles from civilization, playing with a plastic water bottle and a garbage bag that has washed ashore from our oceans, choked with garbage, makes you want to cry."

Goodlin is good friends with Haliburton Highlands Camera Club member and former club president Glenn Springer.

The two shoot photos together throughout the year.

"It is not uncommon for me to leave Toronto at 4 a.m., pick Glenn up at 5:30 and be in Algonquin Park for sunrise," Goodlin said.

"Glenn is a great art photographer and he pushes me outside my comfort zone to shoot old barns, cars and other things that don't bite you if you get too close."

Tickets can be purchased at the door.



Phots by Ron Goodlin Photography

Top: A row of polar bears take a break from a recent swim. Above: Two wrestling polar

# FOR BREAKING NEWS



Point in Time invites you to attend out

#### Annual General Meeting

on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Haliburton Curling Club 730 Mountain Street, Haliburton

> Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP by May 16 705-457-5345 x 338



# What's on



Canadian Tire Garden Centre package

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#### **MAY 2016 EVENTS**

SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club - beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca

MINDEN HEALTH CARE AUXILIARY - GUEST SPEAKER - Carolyn Hemminger of the Alzheimer's Society will provide us with information on Alzheimer's Disease, and how to keep our brains healthy! Please join us for refreshments at 10:15 and the presentation at 10:30 – no charge. - Where: Fireplace Lounge, Hyland Crest - Contact Mickey at (705) 286-2198 for more information.

THURSDAY

FOOD HUB AT ABBEY GARDENS IS OPEN Thursday-Sunday, 10am-8pm 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton. We are 10 minutes from the village of Haliburton, towards Carnarvon-just off the 118 highway, fronting on Green Lake

TAOIST TAI CHI CLASSES - Haliburton - United Church 10:00 am noon. Kinmount - Galway Community Centre 10:00 am - noon. taoist. org/peterborough 705 457-5829

INDOOR WALKING - A.J. LaRue Arena - 1:00pm - 2:00pm

TAKE MOM OUT TO DINNER! A Roast Beef Dinner at Haliburton United Church at 5:30 p.m. Call Jim Frost for tickets or Take Out. Adults \$15.00; Children 6-12 \$5.00; under 5 & under free. Dinner in support of Haliburton United Church.

TAOIST TAI CHI CLASSES. Carnarvon - Zion United Church 10:00 am - noon. taoist.org/peterborough 705 457-5829

BIG BUCK BID EUCHRE Bobcaygeon Seniors Centre - 100 Head St. – 11:00am – 4:00pm - \$10 Lunch incl. Call 705-738-6627

SATURDAY HALIBURTON CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS FEW & FEWER, MAY7 featuring Guy Few (trumpet, piano, voice), Mark Fewer (violin), and Stephanie Mara (piano) at 7:30 p.m. in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. www.haliburtoncs.blogspot.com for details. June Smith at 705-457-3272 or june.smith705@gmail.com for tickets.

SUNDAY

FREE PUBLIC SKATING - Keith Tallman Arena - 12:30pm - 2:00pm

COUNTRY JAMBOREE Coboconk Legion - 1-5 PM open MIC cost \$8.00. Light lunch available.

TAOIST TAI CHI CLASSES. Haliburton - United Church 9:30 am-11:00 am (Health Recovery Class 11:00 am - 12:30 pm), Kinmount -Galway Community Centre 10:00 am - noon, Camarvon - Zion United Church 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, taoist.org/peterborough 705 457-5829

PICKLE BALL - Lloyd Watson Centre - 3:30pm - 6:00pm

#### ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON ERANCH General Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxillary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/ draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m.

Friday Fun Darts, 4:30 p.m. 50/50 Draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$6/person. Occasional volunteers

Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, doors open 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month. RCL Hallburton Branch 129 Annual General Meeting/Bection of Officers and Executive on Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 n.m. All Legion members encouraged to aftend and membership cards are required

in arder to vote. Live entertainment featuring Hallburton County's own Scotty Gartshore at the Hallburton Legion Club Room on Saturday, May 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy beef slew prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for only \$6. Plus for just a Loonle, don't miss out on our 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. \$5 cover charge for non-members.

General Meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. start Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and

Mixed Darts, Friday 7:30 p.m. Big Euchre, first Bunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12 Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Lunch Menu, Monday - Filday, 12-2 p.m. Liver Lovers' Special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m.

Meat Draws, Wednesday lunch time. Watch for local posters and listen to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on

Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday Ham and Scaloped Dinner, Friday, 5-7

Jam Session, 7:30 p.m., Friday Meat Draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Early Bird 3

p.m. sharp Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. General Meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Fun Darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Upcoming event on May 14th - Lou Moody Memorial Rainbow Trout Fish Derby, \$15/ person with a one fish limit - participants must be present to win cash prizes and tickets available at the Branch or at the Wilberforce Balt Shop (Barnford's).

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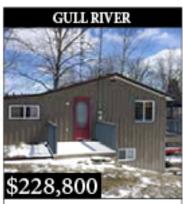
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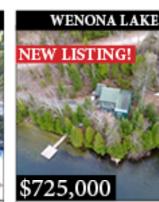


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